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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
2. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization for \$1,020.00 to cover the three month extension of time fee for a large entity; and
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